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Dr. R. Keith Cannon  
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Dear Dr. Cannon:

Thank you for your letter of June 11, which was evidently delayed, having just arrived, and for its cordial invitation to serve on the Panel on Genetics of the Committee on Growth.

Before completing my reply, may I ask two questions:

1. How extensive are the duties— in particular, how much travel would be anticipated?
2. I hold a comparable position with the National Science Foundation. Would there be any conflict?

Should there be a discouraging answer to either question, I might prefer to defer acceptance to a later date. I would be delighted to serve in any way that would not interfere unduly with my own research or with other responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics